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VIA ECF

The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet
United States District Court
for the District of Delaware
844 King Street, Room 4324
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: *National Starch and Chemical, et al. v. Cargill, Inc. et al.*
USDC-D. Del. - C.A. No. 04-1443-GMS



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Dear Judge Sleet:

Due to recent illness of counsel, Defendants respectfully seek a two-day extension of time for the submission of letters regarding the summary judgment motions that the parties would like to file, such that:

1. Initial Letters for both parties shall be filed by April 5, 2006;
2. Responsive letters for both parties shall be filed by April 11, 2006; and
3. Reply letters for both parties shall be filed by April 14, 2006.

Due to the previous rescheduling of the conference for discussing the filing of summary judgment motions (i.e., now set for April 21st), no other adjustment to the schedule appears to be necessary. Plaintiffs have been contacted and they do not oppose this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Thomas L. Halkowski*

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